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whether we would be willing to brief the Chairman and the Majority Leader concerning our interest in this bill. I indicated reservations on this but agreed to talk about it further on Monday. Pleasant said that in addition to Mr. Marrow, Secretary of State Rusk and Assistant Secretary Bohlen are also scheduled to testify. However, I got the clear impression that USIA is having some difficulty in working with State Department on this.

4. [] Dan McGillicuddy, Senate Preparedness Subcommittee staff, called to say he would be out of town next week but asked that we advise Staff Director James Kendall early next week concerning our appearance before the Subcommittee, to brief them on the status of Soviet military posture. I told McGillicuddy I would check on the status of the estimate and be in touch with Kendall as he requested. (We had previously indicated to the Subcommittee staff that our briefing was a matter of timing depending on the approval of the estimate which was then in its final stages.)

5. [] Handcarried to Mrs. Whelan, in the office of Senator Thomas H. Ruckel, a response from the General Counsel to the Senator's buckclip referencing a request to review OSS files. Mrs. Whelan indicated the response was more than satisfactory and would serve their purpose in responding to their constituent's inquiry.

Also received from Mrs. Whelan what appears to be a letter, in code, to the Senator. Mrs. Whelan requested no special emphasis but asked if we could review it lightly and said they would appreciate knowing the nature of the message.

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25X1 5. [] Talked with [] - H Division, 25X1 concerning Senator Richard Russell's question at our recent briefing session involving transshipment of goods to Cuba particularly references which he said were made to him during a trip to [] last year, and 25X1 specifically references to two dummy corporations. A check of WH and Legislative Counsel files indicates that the [] indicated in connection with a previous inquiry from Senator Russell to Secretary McNamara on this subject that he [] had never mentioned 25X1 dummy corporations to Russell. Other information on follow-up items from the briefing have been provided and will be transmitted to the Director within the next few days.

25X1 6. [] called 25X1 to advise he was sending a cable to Germany concerning the travel of Senator John C. Tower (R., Tex.) and Senator Vance Hartke (D., Ind.) who are to lecture to an organization, [] 25X1 month. [] Instead advised further that arrangements for these Senators have been made through Larry Marthen, on the staff of Senator Eugene McCarthy. I indicated considerable concern on this item to [] who said he had 25X1 assumed that there were no problems on this. Senators Tower and Hartke are unwitting of our interest and supposedly Marthen has not informed Senator McCarthy of his participation in this activity. [] is to 25X1 talk further on this with Mr. Houston.

25X1 7. [] In response to my inquiry, Howard Steeris, ONE, advised he expected the NIE on Soviet military posture to be considered by USIB on Thursday but that it would probably be ten days to two weeks at the earliest before distribution of the estimate would be made. This is the estimate on which the briefing of the Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee has been delayed pending its completion. Steeris again pointed out the sensitivity of the information involved in this estimate and the problems that would be encountered in briefing the Subcommittee.

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